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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (February 24 - 29, 2008)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the February 24-29, 2008 reporting period, 17 security officials were killed in clashes after the Turkish military entered northern Iraq on February 21. The total number of security forces casualties for the year through February 29, 2008 was 20 killed and 18 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, 161 PKK terrorists were reported killed in the cross border operation. Five PKKers was captured and one surrendered in Turkey. According to official TGS website figures, through the fourth week of February, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 250, the number of those captured was 46, and the number of those who surrendered was 24.

¶4. (U) There were no incidents involving civilian casualties during the reporting period. Civilian casualties for the year through the end of the fourth week of February remain at seven killed, with another 49 wounded, in the Diyarbakir explosion.

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